



where faith happens and love abounds

No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, no matter who you love, you are welcome here.

June 10, 2018

Third Sunday After Pentecost

10:00 am

Visitors and guests, welcome to the Church of the Palms, a United Church of Christ. You are encouraged to sign our Guest Book, located in the back of the sanctuary. If you would like to receive our newsletters and minister's weekly emails, please include your email address. Also, please check in on Facebook and let your family and friends know that you are at the Church of the Palms! And please join us after worship for conversation and refreshments in the Friendship Center.

To Enhance Your Worship Experience...

- Remember to silence your cell phones in the sanctuary.
- There are not assigned seats; sit where you feel most comfortable.
- A hearing "loop" encircles the sanctuary to help those with hearing aids.
- For your comfort, back cushions for the pews available in the back pews to pick up as you enter or ask an usher.
- Special bulletins for children are available from the ushers.
- If you do not wish to keep your bulletin, please place it in the recycle box at the exit to Friendship Center.



SERVICE OF THE WORD

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

Welcome and the Life of the Church

Prelude

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

Ritter

Call To Worship And Gathering Prayer

One: Day by day the age-old question arises:
whom shall we worship? Whom shall we serve?

**All: Our gathering in this place indicates our response:
We will worship the Lord our God.**

One: No other is worthy. No other can satisfy.

All: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

One: Let us pray: Loving God, we gather to offer praises to You.

**All: We come yielding our hearts, our minds, our souls and our bodies to You,
for You alone are worthy to receive glory and honor.**

We come together, in response to the Spirit's urging.

**We come grateful that you have fashioned us as people of worship,
of love and of depth.**

**Pondering You, we sing, we pray, we marvel at your grandeur
and worship You as the Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

*Gathering Hymn

Come, Let Us Join with Faithful Souls

#383

*Psalm 138 (read responsively)

Hymnal page 714

*Gloria (feel free to sing the traditional words or the inclusive version below)

#759

Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit: Three in One!

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen! Amen!

Children's Conversation

Gathering and Sending Song:

God loves me, God loves me, from head to toe I know it's so, God loves me.

Prayers of the People

Response (*sung by all*) *Spirit of the Living God* #283
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Offertory Invitation

Offertory *Air* Handel

***Offertory Response** #785
We give You but Your own, whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Yours alone, we give it gratefully.

Prayer for Understanding

Reading of Scripture Mark 3:20-35 NT p. 32

Response (*sung by all*) Tune: St. Anne, #25
Your Gospel, Jesus, we believe and for Your help we pray:
That we, in word and thought and deed, Your Gospel may obey.

Sermon *We are Family*

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Prayer of Our Savior

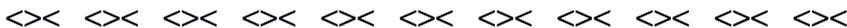
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

***Hymn** *God, Bless Our Homes* #429

*** Blessing and Sending**

*You are invited to exit quietly or remain seated
during the musical postlude, to enjoy a last moment of worship.*

Postlude *Victory March* Paxton



PARTICIPATING IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE

The Reverend Brad S. Lutz, Designated Pastor

Lizz Sanders, Liturgist

Edward Krynicki, Music Director



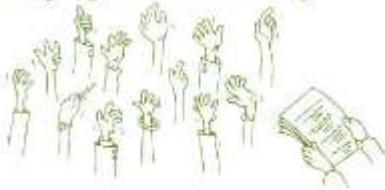
KIDS KORNER: Following the Children's Conversation, children through grade 3 are welcome to go to the Kids Korner for quiet activities. Nursery care is available for toddlers and is staffed by volunteers.

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

49 BELLS - An Act of Love and Kindness: On June 12, 2018, bells will toll 49 times in unison around the world as a tribute to the victims lost during the Pulse Nightclub tragedy. Church of the Palms will be participating at noon in front of the church. All are invited to join us.

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER starts this Thursday, June 14th at 10 am in the Sanctuary as part of our *Summer Growth Series*. It will continue on the second Thursday of the month through the summer. Don't forget that the *Quiet Day Retreat* is on the 4th Thursday starting June 28th at 12:00 noon in the Fellowship Hall. A sign-up sheet for the Quiet Day Retreat is on the Sign-Up Center at the back of the Church.

Special Congregational Meeting



THE LEADERSHIP COUNCIL IS CALLING A SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 24, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP IN THE FRIENDSHIP CENTER. The purpose of the meeting is to consider this recommendation from the Leadership Council to use funds invested with Morgan-Stanley for 1) participation in the New Beginnings Assessment Service process for no more than \$6,000.00; and, 2) supplementing a $\frac{3}{4}$ time new Pastor salary package; not more than \$60,000 per year for 5 years

commencing with the start date of a Minister.

LITURGIST AND COMMUNION SERVERS are needed. Signup at the Sign-up Center in the back of the sanctuary if you are interested in serving in either of these roles.

FOOD PANTRY. Please support CROS by contributing boxed or canned food. Your donations are welcomed and appreciated. This week they are specifically asking for *Peanut Butter*.